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SUBJ: IRAN BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS WITH NEIGHBORS

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1. DURING JULY 31 MEETING WITH MFA LEGAL ADVISOR KAZEMI, POL-COUNS AND EMBASSY LAW OF SEA (LOS) OFFICER REVIEWED QUESTIONS OF PERSIAN GULF CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENTS RAISED REFTEL.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIS REPLIES TO SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED REFTEL:

A. CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND DUBAI WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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RATIFIED MARCH 15, 1975, BUT RATIFIED DOCUMENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN EXCHANGED.

B. CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND ABU DHABI

HAS NOT YET BEEN RATIFIED, ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AND INITIALED. FORMAL RATIFICATION HAS BEEN DEFERRED PENDING RESOLUTION OF ABU DHABI'S BORDER PROBLEMS WITH SAUDIS OVER SAUDI DESIRE FOR ACCESS TO PERSIAN GULF EAST OF QATAR. IRAN AND ABU DHABI ARE INFORMALLY IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT PENDING RATIFICATION, HOWEVER, AND KAZEMI STATES THERE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES OVER THIS MATTER.

C. TO DATE NO FORMAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH KUWAIT ON CONTINENTAL SHELF, AS KUWAIT'S BORDER PROBLEMS WITH SAUDIS OVER NEUTRAL ZONE HAVE YET TO BE WORKED OUT. WHILE NO DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN IRAN AND KUWAIT OVER BOUNDARY, AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE CONCLUDED UNTIL NEUTRAL ZONE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. PRESENTLY BOTH COUNTRIES ARE OBSERVING MEDIAN LINE AS BOUNDARY.

3. KAZEMI STATED THAT CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT WITH IRAQ JUNE 13 ESTABLISHING THALWEG AS BORDER ALONG SHATT-AL-ARAB HAD MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PROJECT BOUNDARY INTO GULF AS AGREED DEMARCATION LINE. HE EXPECTS TALKS ON CONTINENTAL SHELF AND FISHING RIGHTS, AND PERHAPS FORMAL DEMARCATION NEGOTIATIONS, TO TAKE PLACE SOMETIME IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. KAZEMI INDICATED CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT WITH OMAN HAD BEEN RATIFIED AND FORMAL EXCHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE MAY 28, 1975. HE PROVIDED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF AGREEMENT WHICH WE ARE FORWARDING TO DEPT BY POUCH.
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